

**Commissioners Meeting  
December 22, 2015**

**Present:** David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Dale Kenney, Jason Chapman, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:15 P.M.

**Minutes**

No minutes were presented.

**Claims**

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batch #3256, but do not pay anymore Liebermann claims until all issues are resolved with video conferencing. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to approve Batch #3258. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to approve Batch #3260. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Highway Report**

Kenney reported the salt building is now complete and he's very pleased with the work. INDOT sent a letter requesting the release of the unofficial detour for 600N & 550E. Kenney stated they inspected the roads and they are in good shape. Logsdon made a motion to sign the release requested by INDOT. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Kenney and Chapman reported they went out and looked at all the concerns expressed by Kenny Rickelman and feel that the issues are things we can fix over time. Logsdon stated he spoke with a member of the Santa Claus board and they gave us unofficial permission to snow plow through to SR 162. This will be at no charge to the town and assist with another concern of Rickelman's regarding plows turning around in his driveway. Logsdon instructed Kenney and Chapman to stay in touch with Rusty Fowler, regarding the SR 245 project to ensure it is bid in 2016. Gogel brought up discussion about a county north of us that stops all snow plowing at dark and resumes at daybreak. They felt it was too great a liability to have those trucks on the road at night. The board instructed Kenney to discuss this with his crew and report back with the thoughts of the department. If this is a good solution for other counties, it may be something to consider. We will discuss further in January.

**Stephanie Melton-EMA**

Melton came to discuss the need for a new courthouse generator. We are not sure what caused the damage to the old generator, but do not want to turn it in to insurance, not knowing the cause. Melton presented a quote from Hoesli for a new generator. Logsdon asked Melton if this price included delivery and setup, Melton stated yes. Melton wanted instruction on how to pay for it. After discussion, it was decided it could be paid out of Cum Cap courthouse maintenance and the Health Dept. will contribute what funds they have available. Seiler made a motion to approve purchasing the generator out of Cum Cap courthouse maintenance. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Redevelopment Commission – Appointment**

Lindsey stated that 3 commissioner appointments are needed for the Redevelopment Commission. Seiler made a motion to re-appoint Paul Brockman, Scott Singleton, and DeAnn Siegel. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Logsdon stated there is also a non-voting school representative, do we need to re-appoint him as well? Lindsey stated yes action is needed on his seat also. Seiler made a motion to re-appoint David Waninger. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Hwy Assistant Superintendent**

Logsdon asked if the Assistant Superintendent needed to be listed on the 2016 Appointment sheet. Auditor Winkler stated she will add that position to the appointment list.

### **Legal Report**

Lindsey reported that he met with EMA and the Highway Dept regarding the Dust Control Ordinance and they are actively working on it.

Lindsey informed the board of an invoice from Umbaugh for the TIF Neutralization for Santa Claus. This invoice was sent to the Town of Santa Claus, because the work done was for the benefit of the town. Santa Claus Attorney Kevin Patmore has advised the Santa Claus Town Council that they should not pay the invoice that the work done was for the county. Lindsey spoke with Umbaugh and researched the IC code provided by Patmore and stated that the work done was for the benefit of the Town of Santa Claus and that the invoice is not the responsibility of the county. Lindsey drafted a letter to Patmore explaining the counties position on this invoice and informed him that the county will not be paying the Umbaugh invoice.

Executive session minutes have not been reviewed yet and are tabled until January.

Lindsey stated he is still researching the railroad crossing signs and after much discussion amongst the commissioners, Lindsey, the Highway Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent it was decided that we could amend our ordinance to allow yield signs and pull the stop signs at all Norfolk Southern Crossings. We will re-visit this topic in January.

Lindsey presented an agreement for commissioner approval from WTH for map layer usage for the Lochmueller Group and Stantec. Logsdon made a motion to approve the map layer usage request for the Lochmueller Group and Stantec. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Sara Arnold requested a release of her surety bond as Assessor. Arnold will be vacating that position on 12/31/2015 and becoming the Spencer County Clerk on 1/1/16. Arnold was advised by Martin-Serrin that the bond needs released. Gogel asked why the bond would have to be released if the end of the bond was 12/31/15. It states on the bond the period is 1/1/15-12/31/15. After discussion, it was determined that if the bond ends on 12/31/15, no action is required.

Lindsey will respond to Elliot Englert on the additional information needed to receive final approval on the Troy Refinery project.

### **VSO Hours**

The commissioners requested Dean Knepper, the current VSO come before them to discuss the new office hours for 2016. The county council funded enough for 28 hours per week and the commissioners want Knepper's input on what hours of service would best benefit the community. Knepper stated that he felt Monday thru Thursday, 7 hours per day would be a good schedule, due to Friday normally being a slow day. Logsdon made a motion to honor Knepper's request and make the new VSO hours Monday thru Thursday, 7 hours per day, beginning January 1, 2016. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

### **Chris Middleton – Insurance Renewal**

The current insurance policy has been closely audited and changes have been made for the December renewal. Final additions/deletions have now come in and Middleton came to present the renewal cost. The deductible across the board is now \$1,000.00. Our total loss for 2015 was 8 claims totaling \$47,755.34 with a 25% loss ratio. The cost of renewal is \$186,321.00, which is only good till 12/31/15. Action needs to be taken so Middleton can bind coverage before year end. Middleton can bind coverage based on the verbal approval at today's meeting. We will pay the invoice in January, but Middleton will go ahead and order cards for all vehicles in hopes of having them distributed and in covered vehicles by January 1. Logsdon made a motion to approve the insurance renewal for property package coverage at a cost of \$186,321.00. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**New Business**

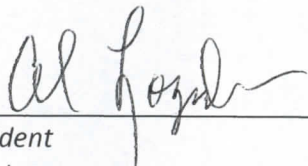
A group from the Lincoln Boyhood was scheduled to attend the meeting today to request permission to display the Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project quilt in the rotunda for up to 1 month. The group was not in attendance, but action can still be taken. Seiler made a motion to grant permission for the quilt to be displayed. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to request the minutes reflect our appreciation to the Santa Claus Christmas Store for the generous donation of the beautiful Christmas tree. Seiler seconded the motion and added that the cleaning and decorations look the best they've ever looked since he started, motion was approved.

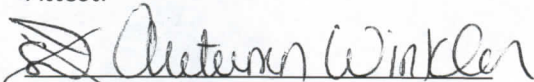
**Re-organization Meeting**


Gogel asked if all were in agreement to meet on the regularly scheduled meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Seiler made a motion to approve the re-organization meeting being scheduled for regular meeting time on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M.

  
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 Auditor, Autumn Winkler

  
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